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I'm Marie Schuyler-Dreaver, my maternal Great Grandmother was the late Julia Kenoshmeg of Good Hart, her daughter Mary Ann was my grandmother. My Grandfather was Ralph Shawanibin of Pellston and Cross Village. Maryann and Ralph married and moved to Detroit. They had 7 children and my Mother Cindy is the eldest of these seven. My father is William Schuyler Jr of Oneida Nation of the Thames. My parents have been married for 45 years. I was raised in the

Longhouse, I practice our Haudenosaunee ways and have raised our own children in the Longhouse, alongside my husband, Harvey of 25 years, Harvey is a Cree from Northern Saskatchewan, Canada. We attend ceremonies with our children, learning and understanding the protocols.

It has been on my mind as to how I could help our Nation's sovereignty, integrity, accountability, education and well-being, economic growth and sustainable resources for our Nation from a Cultural perspective. It is our responsibility to stop the historical trauma. We are Anishinabek, the original human beings. As a people we need to work together keeping our cultural and traditional ways in the forefront, if we don't we can't even call ourselves Anishinabek or Waganakising Odawak. If we don't have our language or cultural ways then we have become assimilated, our \$500 per cap, tuition waiver, tax exempt these treaty obligations will no longer exist. Language Revitalization is a form of cultural knowing.

We have already implemented areas to become a self-sustaining community, we need to continue with these endeavors and to feed them to fruition. Such as the Casino it needs a rebirth, adding a hotel type resort to our already existing Odawa Casino is imperative to its success. We need people in the Casino for it to generate income, without an attached hotel the money is not even coming into the door. We need incentives for our regular patrons to want to continue coming and incentives to generate new patrons. In my travels to many tribal casinos, observing and listening to other successes on how they achieve this is critical. Our homelands are a tourist destination we need to capitalize on this. We own buildings and need to open businesses that are needed and that are not here. We need to be more inviting to other Nations, offering a Tribal discount to our Odawa Hotel for anyone who holds a tribal/status card. This generates a welcoming feeling and income.

I've earned a bachelor's from Wayne State University in Sociology, minor in Psychology, Indigenous Language Certificates from Western University, as well as my journey of cultural knowing has provided me the extensive knowledge both culturally and professionally to work analytically in a team environment. I look forward to serving our Nation our ancestors intended for us, their sacrifices, resiliency and strength live within all of us. Let's come together for the next 7 Generations. I look forward to meeting you and listening to your ideas!!

Miigwech for your time and support,

Marie Schuyler-Dreaver